

NEW OFFICERS APPOINTED

As voted by the membership at the Annual Meeting last April, the term for the President was extended 6 months to seek a replacement candidate. Mike Appolonia, Vice President, volunteered for the position and with the approval of the Board of Trustees, became our new President. Bill McDermott, leaving the Board as Past President, volunteered to fill the position of Vice President and was duly appointed by the Board. Craig Marshall thanked the Advisory Council, Board, and members for their support to him during his 6 1/2 year term as President. "New blood is important to an active and viable organization, and I welcome Mike in this leadership role. And we all welcome Bill back as an officer in our society which he helped organize 25 years ago" said Marshall. Craig will continue as a member of the Advisory Council and Board of Trustees as Past President.

BILL McDERMOTT HONORED

Congratulations to our long-time member and new Vice President Bill McDermott who received a "Resolution of Commendation" personally presented to him by County Legislator Marc Molinaro at our Progressive Dinner Party. Bill received the award in recognition of his long years of civic service which includes (too much to list all) editor of the history of our Town of Clinton, Town Historian, co-founder of our Historical Society, and key person in the development of Friends Recreation Park on Salt Pt. Tpk and of our annual summer exhibits. CONGRATULATIONS BILL!

NEXT MEETING: NOV. 2 7:30PM

"A BOATMAN'S HISTORY OF THE HUDSON RIVER"

by Norman Tardiff

Norman Tardiff, historian of the Chelsea Yacht Club, has compiled a significant history of the Hudson River from its source to its end in New York harbor. An avid photographer, he has accompanied his history with a series of slides that help his audience better relate to the stories, facts, and tales that he presents. As an instructor in zoology at UCONN, Norman is well equipped as a presenter. His presentation will be one part of six, and will cover the Hudson River from NY harbor to Yonkers/Tarrytown. We all love the visual and recreational aspects of our landmark river. Here's an opportunity to learn more about its place in history and in the development of the Northeast and NYC beginning with Hendrick Hudson.

COFFEE HOUSE PROGRAM ENJOYS SUCCESS, GROWTH

The Society's Open Mic/Coffee House program closed its third season this past Saturday to an appreciative audience of 74 listeners, including 13 performers. This venue has become very popular with area vocalists and instrumentalists due to the informal atmosphere, audience support, and acoustics. Besides "walk-in's", each program features an artist or group who give several of their favorite numbers and try out new material. Local resident Carol Leigh Kilgore featured at this event and gave renditions from Patsy Kline, rockabilly, and folk music. Another treat occurred near the close when walk-in "Bob Dylan" performed in classic Dylan garb complete with harmonica. With word spreading, skilled performers from around the Valley have called to be features, including Helen Avakian who will feature in April. The next season, beginning in March, promises to be even bigger and better! Thanks go to the 14 volunteers who bake and sell goodies, clean and prep the hall, collect admissions, and more....with special thanks to Vince Sauter our music director and MC! This program is a major fundraiser and all proceeds go to help restore and maintain the 1865 Masonic Hall. See you next season...every 4th Saturday at the Society's Masonic Hall in Schultzsville, 7:30 PM for sign-ups, 8:00 start.....only \$5.00!

PAMPERED CHEF GIFT GIVING

The Pampered Chef Fund Raiser product demonstration was held Oct. 10th at the Creek Meeting House. Those attending enjoyed a tasting of interesting food and received some new recipes. The October merchandise order has been submitted and many people still have catalogues and orders for the Holidays are being accepted until the beginning of December. Merchandise is guaranteed to arrive in time for gift giving. To place an order or get a catalogue if you need one, call Glenda Swarze -266-5203 - or Louise McDermott -266-3819. A fun time was had by all and it was nice to get together on an informal occasion. We thank members Pat and Dave Ruff for hosting this new event.

Check your mail label:

Jan-Dec dues are OVERDUE for many valued members. Mail label shows last year paid.

\$8 family or \$5 individual. Dues are used to cover our newsletter costs. Please remit.

Mail checks to: Clinton Historical Society, P.O. Box 122, Clinton Corners, N.Y. 12514

MASONIC HALL PRESERVATION STATUS

The Society's standing committee, Masonic Hall Preservation Group, continues to meet monthly to plan the continued restoration, use of the building, and fund-raising activity. Co-chairs Jim Welling and Mike Spitzer are very pleased with this year's highly successful Valentine's Dinner and the monthly Coffee House programs that have demonstrated on-going community support for this project. The water system is completing renovation, and the next project is the back roof. The goal is to replace the deteriorated asphalt shingle on the 1958 addition with standing seam metal to match the roof on the original structure. Initial bids have come in over budget, and the group has decided to seek additional bids. The mens' room will undergo remodeling this month, the kitchen is being assessed for improvement visually and functionally, and electrical system upgrades have been completed. Parking has not been a major problem with the success of the shuttle to the Town Hall, but short term affordable partial solutions are being reviewed.

The preservation group welcomes all residents to join the activity and programs to help preserve and find adaptive use for this landmark. Call Mike Spitzer at 266-5993 or Jim Welling at 266-8936. And...THANK YOU ALL for your support!

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PROGRESSIVE DINNER THANK-YOU

Glenda Schwarze, chairperson for our Progressive Dinner on Oct. 20, reported the largest turn-out ever for this popular annual event. Many members and friends got to meet their neighbors over cocktails, dinners, and desserts. Glenda and the Society express sincere thanks to all the gracious hosts who made this a memorable and highly successful social gathering. And as it is also an important fund-raising source, the Society's programs will benefit greatly. Thanks to all who came to have fun and help support our mission.

2001 CALENDAR OF SPEAKERS

Friday Nov. 2 *"Boatman's History of the Hudson River"*
by Norman Tardiff
7:30 PM

Friday Dec. 3 *"Holiday Dinner & Auction"*
6:30 at the Historical Center - - covered dish - - bring a gift and an appetite!

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